

Big Spring Economic Development Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Big Spring Economic Development Council was held on July 17, 2012 at 4 West St Newville Pa 17241. The meeting was called to order by President Ed Belden, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call the following members were present: David Hockenberry, Dan Sheaffer, Dr Jack Showley and John Wolfe. Absent: Ellen Ile, David Parthemore.

Also present: Newville Borough Manager Fred Potzer and Denny Clopper.

Guest: Trisha Grace from the Valley Times Star.

Minutes from the June 17, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

West Pennsboro Township: Dr. Jack Showley reported Clarius Partners, LLC received re-zoning approval for their 105 acre tract. The township continues to register residents for the Township wide trash collection program. The West Pennsboro Township Highway Department is reconstructing a two foot wide paved shoulder on Mount Rock Rd from Lefever Rd to Ritner Highway. The Township Recreation Advisory Council is holding the following events: Thank You picnic for those who helped with the Veterans Memorial, 08/11/12. Sportman's Dinner at West Pennsboro Township Volunteer Fire Co on 08/25/12. Fall Community Yard Sale will be held 09/15/12 at the Township Park.

Newville Borough: The Rt #641 bridge project is proceeding well. Tuckey will provide a date for the grand opening of their project. The revised Big Spring Master Plan will be unveiled on 10/25/12. Paramed services will cease to be provided as of 10/15/12. There are options for replacement, none yet finalized. The fireworks held at the Newville Fairgrounds on 07/13/12 were a success. The shop local/buy local initiative is ready for release to the press and the community.

The latest version of the brochure was presented. This is a well done and professional piece, it will continue to be updated as a work in progress. There was discussion of a Big Spring promotional video. Ideas will be collected for a theme for the video and how it can be used.

New Business: The proposal from The Gulotta Group was reviewed and discussed. The Big Spring School District has shown interest in Objective #4: Work with Newville Borough on business development initiatives and increasing homeownership rates. There was a motion to support objective #4 and objective #3 to have the Borough pursue objective #4 as first priority. We will address objective #3 as needed. Motion by Dr. Jack Showley, second Dan Sheaffer, all in favor.

Per Denny Clopper the September 11 service will be held at 6:30 PM. Both trash service and rental inspections in the Borough are going well. Also, patrols by the Borough Police have been successful.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting of the Big Spring Economic Development Council is scheduled for August 21,2012.